

**CLAIMS AMENDMENT**

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What is claimed is as follows :

II 2.II 1. (Original) A first aid strip comprising a sterile , non-adherent gauze pad , and a strip of adhesive tape attached to, one side of the gauze pad, and a pouch / well / depression or hollow is provided, on the other side, of the said gauze pad, which comes in contact with the skin, over which the first aid strip adhesive tape is affixed.

II 3.II 2. (Currently amended ) A first aid strip ~~as per claim 2~~, as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least 2 layers of additional , non-adherent gauze with a window / hole, created in it, is attached to the said first gauze pad layer, on the side which comes into contact with the skin. ~~The said pouch / well / is thus provided in the, first aid strip when all the 3 layers are placed one on top of the other. The first gauze pad layer attached to the adhesive strip is complete, whereas the gauze pad layer 2, placed on top of gauze pad layer 1 has a widow cut out in it, and gauze pad layer 3, placed on top of layer 2, also has a window cut out from around the central area.~~

II 4.II 3. (Currently amended ) A first aid strip ~~as per claim 3~~, as claimed in claim 1 or 2 where in the said pouch, well, depression or hollow has a depth of approx, 1.5-2.00 mm.

II 5.II 4. (Currently amended) A First aid strip ~~as per claim 2~~, as claimed in 2 or 3 wherein a ring made of an inert material is , interposed and sealed between first gauze pad layer and the additional gauze pad layer.

- II 6.II 5. (Currently amended) A First aid strip ~~as per claim 2~~, as claimed in claim 1 wherein a bulge is provided in the said first layer of gauze pad and the adhesive tape, the said bulge projecting outwardly, of said one side of the first gauze pad layer.
- II 7.II 6. (Currently amended) A first aid strip ~~as per claim 2~~, as claimed in claim 1 wherein a ring made of an inert material is fixed to said, adhesive tape, surrounding the first gauze pad layer , on the said other side , of said first gauze pad layer.
- II 8.II 7. (Currently amended) A first aid strip ~~as per claim 5 or 7~~, as claimed in claim 4 or 6 wherein the ring has dimensions of , approximately width : 2.0-2.5 mm, depth : 2.0-2.5 mm.
- II 9.II 8. (Currently amended) A first aid strip ~~according to claim 5 or 7~~, as claimed in claim 4 or 6 wherein the said ring is made of, cork , latex or rubber or any other appropriate material.
- II 10.II 9. (Currently amended) The first aid strip ~~as per claim 2~~, claimed in claim 1 wherein a ring made of an inert material is placed on top of the, ~~first gauze pad layer~~, gauze pad strip with the outer border of the ring flush with the margin of the gauze pad, on said other side, of said first gauze pad layer.
- II 11.II 10. (Currently amended) The first aid strip ~~as per claim 5 or 7~~, as per claim 9 wherein the ring has approximate dimensions of width : 2.00-2.5 mm. and depth : 2.0-2.5 mm.

**II 12.II 11.** (Currently amended) The first aid strip as ~~per claim 5 or 7~~, as claimed in claim 9 where the said ring is made of, cork, rubber, latex

**II 13.II 12.** (Currently amended) A method of manufacture of a first aid strip, comprising the steps of :

**a.** Providing a strip of sterile gauze pad ;

**II a.II b.** Providing at least, 2 additional layers of, sterile, non-adherent gauze pad;

**II b.II c.** Cutting a window / hole in the two layers of additional gauze pad, from around

the center, the window conforming to the shape of the gauze pad, thus

creating a ring of pad; ~~These 2 rings of gauze pad so created , when placed~~

~~over the first layer of gauze pad, creates a pouch, well, depression, hollow;~~

**c.** ~~Providing a layer of gauze pad ( which is the first layer ), attached to the adhesive strip. All the three layers of pad are placed together, with layer 3 on top of layer 2, and layer 2 of gauze pad on top of layer 1, and placed in contact with the skin;~~

**d.** Attaching said additional layers on one side of said gauze pad strip with the layers one above the other, so that the top most additional layer comes in contact with the skin;

**II d.II e.** Providing a strip of adhesive tape to the other side of the gauze pad.

**II 14.11 13. (Currently amended)** A method for the manufacture of first aid strip, comprising the steps of :

- a.** Providing a strip of sterile , non-adherent gauze pad;
- b.** Placing a ring made of an inert material, such as cork, rubber, latex , on the side of gauze pad which comes in contact with the skin;
- c.** Fixing a strip of adhesive tape, to the other side of the of gauze pad, the said ring being fixed to, the said strip of adhesive tape, and surrounding the gauze pad , ~~or the ring may be placed on top of first layer of gauze pad, with its outer border flush with the margins of the first gauze pad layer;~~

**14. (New)** A method as claimed in claim 13 wherein the outer border of the ring is flush with the margins of gauze pad strip.

**15. (Currently amended)** A Method according to ~~claim 5~~, claim 12 wherein a ring of inert material is interposed and sealed, between the strip of gauze pad and, said at least one layer of additional gauze pad, prior to the step of fixing, the said strip of adhesive tape, to the strip of gauze pad .

**16. (Original)** A gauze hat / cap, comprising a flat sterile gauze pad, a pouch, well, or hollow being provided on one side of the gauze pad.

17. (Currently amended) A gauze hat / cap according to claim 16, ~~wherein 1-2~~ wherein one or two layers of additional gauze, are attached to the flat gauze pad , with a widow / hole created, in the central area ~~of the layer of gauze pad 2 and gauze pad layer 3, leaving a ring of gauze pad all around, and the said pouch, well, depression, hollow being provided when all the layers of gauze pad are placed together, with gauze pad layer 2 placed on top of gauze pad layer 1 and gauze pad layer 3 , placed on top of gauze pad layer 2.~~ of gauze pad and the additional gauze pad layer, thus providing a wall of gauze pad all around.

18. ( Original) A **gauze hat / cap**, according to claim 17, wherein a ring made of an inert material, such as cork, rubber, latex, is interposed and, sealed between the flat gauze pad and said, at least one additional layer of gauze pad.

19. (Original) A **gauze hat / cap**, according to claim 16, wherein a ring of inert material is placed on said one side of the gauze pad, to form a pouch, well, depression or hollow, on that side. The ring has its outer border flush with the margins of the gauze pad .

20. (Original) A **gauze hat / cap**, according to claim 16, wherein the said pouch, well , depression , hollow, is formed by a bulge in said gauze pad layer.